Porting of DTC

381. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern ment have decided not to fund the DTC in future;

(b) if so, the financial losses incur red by DTC during the last 3 years; year-wise;

(c) whether Government have fixed any responsibility for the losses;

(d) whether it is a fact that DTC has been asked to raise resources on its own to meet operational costs etc.; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER)! (a) and (b) No, Sir. The yearwise details of working loss and and net loss during the last 3 years is given here-under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Working (excluding interest and dep- reciation)	Net loss (including interest dep- reciation)
1988.89 .	5220. 06 .	9890. 32
1989-90 .	5686. 63 .	11984.56
1990.91	11322.63	19748. 35

(c) No responsibility could be fixed as the losses were on account of various factors like concessions extended to weaker sections of the society, uneconomic fare, rise in cost of * arious inputs, heavy interest burden on loans and operation of many unremunerative routes on social consideration.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Government have directed DTC to reduce expenditure, increase its saving through economy measures and commercial exploitation ef DTC depots etc.

Upgradation of Roads as National Highways dung the Eighth Plan

382. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Transport Committee had recommended for Upgradation of Seven existing roads as National Highways in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken so far in this regard;

(c) whether Government have made any provision for construction of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh during Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and

(e) what is Government's existing policy towards Upgradation of State Roads as National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The N.T.P.C. (National Transport Policy Committee) in May, 1980 had recommended nine Stae Roads in Madhya Pradesh for inclusion in the National Highway grid, out of which two roads have alreuy been included in the N.H. network, leaving a balance of seven roads.

(c) and (d) Any decision about further addition of State Roads into the N.H. system will be possible only after outlay for 8th Plan is finalised by the Planning Commission.

(e) The issue is mainly guided by availability of funds for the purpose, recommendations in this regard made by the State Governments including National Transport Policy Committee, fulfilment of certain criteria prescribed for the declaration of new National Highways, *inter-se,* priority attached to each individual road on all-India basis and proximity of other National Highways in the area as distinct from local requirements or area/population considerations on State level basis.